

MICROENTERPRISE

Program Survey

Program Name: EDA Revolving Loan Fund Program

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Eligible Applicants: Political subdivisions, non-profit organizations, Economic Development Districts

Type of Assistance: Grants to Intermediaries

Application Process: Applications are competitively reviewed and approved by EDA's regional offices. See EDA's website for further information.

Target Population: Small and medium-size businesses in economically distressed communities.

Types of Services Provided to Target Population by Grantees\Recipients:

Loans and loan guarantees - EDA funds may be used by recipients to provide direct financial assistance to microenterprises including loan, loan guarantees and other forms of financial support for the establishment, stabilization and expansion of microenterprise.

Business Training/ Technical Assistance - EDA funds may also be provided to public and private organizations, agencies, and other subrecipients (including non-profits) to provided technical assistance, advice, and business support services to owners of microenterprise and persons developing microenterprises.

Other -

Available Funding: See EDA's Notice of Available Funds published annually (website)

Average Award: BLF capitalization grants average \$300,000. Average RLF Loan \$75,000 and under (no lower limit).

Status\Achievements of Program:

Recently two studies were conducted in an attempt to measure the effectiveness of EDA Revolving Loan Funds. A 1997 Rutgers Study of 16 EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) projects found medians results: 304 jobs created per \$1 million and 22 jobs created per business, a cost of \$3,312 per job, and \$2,500,000 of private-sector leverage per \$1 million EDA funding.

In comparison, data collected from 33 EDA RLF projects acquired for the 1998 Government Performance Review Act (GPRA) showed median results: 348 jobs created per \$1 million and 21 jobs created per business, a cost of \$2,778 per job, and \$9,302,151 of private-sector leverage per \$1 million EDA funding.

Other Related Websites: N/A